Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Chief Secretary to Government)*:

(*a*) 11. They are.—

1. Mr. T. Madhusudana Menon
2. ,, M. Kumarankutty Menon
3. ,, C. J. Peter
4. ,, T. S. Chattunny
5. ,, K. Rajagopal
6. ,, K. R. Menon
7. ,, K. Neelakantan
8. ,, Joseph Panikulam
9. ,, K. M. Alikunhi
10. ,, C. M. George
11. ,, S. R. Chandran

Intimation has been received that Messrs. Madhusudana Menon, C. M. George and S. R. Chandran have secured admission.

(*b*) Because admissions have not been secured for them.

PORINGALKUTH SCHEME

139. Choudhury G. S. Dhara Singh *(Mattancheri)*: Will Government be Pleased to state.—

how far the work of the Poringalkuthu Scheme has progressed?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*:

The work on the Survey of the Reservoir site connected with the first stage is nearing completion. A separate Hydro Electric Division has been formed and orders for tools and plant are being placed.

2. Announcement by the President regarding setting up of an enquiry committee for examining alleged ill-treatment by the Police

Mr. President: Before starting discussion on the grant for Police, I would like to say that the Government have taken note of the dis-satisfaction which has been expressed by a number of Hon'ble Members on the nature of the enquiries which have been held into the allegations of ill-treatment by the Police of persons while in their custody and that Government have decided to institute a special enquiry into these allegations.

3. VOTING OF DEMANDS FOR GRANTS

20-Police

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government)*: Sir, I move for an allotment of Rs. 9,40,207 under 20-Police. I request that the House may be pleased to vote the grant.

CUT MOTIONS

1. Inadequacy of the pay of the State constabulary

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: I move, Sir, to reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,48,442 for Executive Force by Re. 1 (to urge upon the Government the great need to enhance the pay of the constabulary of the State).

The object which I have in mind in tabling this cut, Sir, is to see that bare justice is done to a force which is considered to be the custodian of the peace and safety of the land. Whether in a law-abiding country like Cochin, law-abiding even to a fault, whether any body of force at all is necessary is a different matter. Now that we have thought it necessary to fall in line with British Raj, whose slaves we were and introduced the Police Force here, it is up to us, Sir, to see that our Police Force gets at least minimum living wages. You will be pleased to find, Sir, that unlike the neighbouring Madras Province, where the pay of the constable is on a time-scale arrangement, which is from Rs. 22 to 29 per mensem, what we have got here in a force of about 594 units, or so according to the budget, constables are divided into three grades, 235 of them getting the big daily wage of 5 annas 4 pies or monthly Rs. 10—true that they were getting it also in the days when commodities were selling cheap, but when prices have rocketted and when the ordinary labourer, whether he is one who turns out any work or not, for merely going to an employer who perhaps may not be supervising the work very efficiently, for merely sitting there with a pick-axe or some other instrument used for labour, he gets in these days, Sir, Rs. 2 the

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